

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
MERRILL FIELD AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER
1950 EAST 5TH AVENUE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501**

ISSUED: April 1, 2005

EFFECTIVE: May 1, 2005

MERRILL ATCT LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 05-01

CANCELLATION: April 30, 2007

A portion of the Merrill Segment has been designated "Cartee Airspace" for use by the military when landings are needed for Runway 34 at Elmendorf. Elmendorf is closing their main runway (Runway 6) for resurfacing from April 25, 2005 until approximately August 10, 2005. The Cartee Airspace is defined as that portion of the Merrill Segment that is north of Debarr Road and between Muldoon Road and Pine Street. Pine Street is the road just west of the Cartee softball fields.

Pilots should remember that the Cartee Airspace can be avoided by remaining over or west of the Costco Warehouse building and over or south of Debarr Road.

Pilots can expect the following procedures and routes to be used when the Cartee Airspace is active:

Arriving Aircraft:

From the EAST landing Runway 24 - Report Totem Theater then fly westbound to Providence Hospital then enter on base or follow traffic on left downwind.

From the EAST landing Runway 6 - Enter right downwind over Northern Lights Blvd.

From the WEST landing Runway 24:

- a. Enter left downwind over West Anchorage High School, or,
- b. Enter right downwind over Ship Creek and if traffic permits, right base inside of Costco, or expect instructions to cross midfield to follow traffic on left downwind.

Departing Aircraft:

To the east departing Runway 24 - Fly left downwind departure over Northern Lights Boulevard.

To the east departing Runway 6 - Turn right crosswind prior to Bragaw, then south to Northern Lights Boulevard, then eastbound.

To the west departing Runway 6 - Fly normal Ship Creek departure turning left crosswind prior to Bragaw Street. If you are accustomed to extending upwind to the east to accomplish a climbing Ship Creek departure, ask Ground Control for a climbing right downwind departure. Then, turn right crosswind prior to Bragaw Street, climb in the right downwind until 2000' MSL, then northwest bound to Sleeper's Strip.

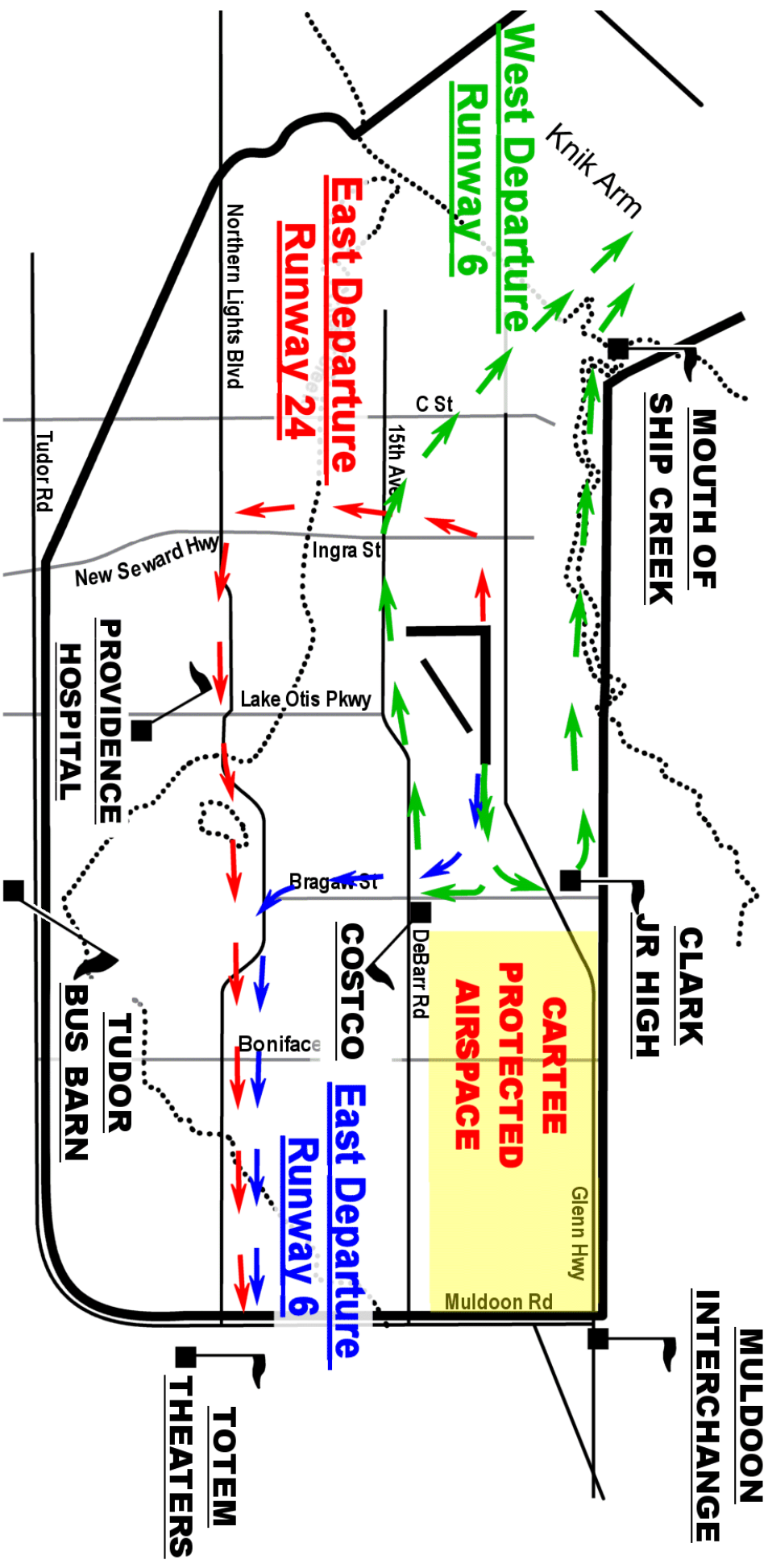
Expect the number of aircraft in the touch and go pattern to be limited to 3 or less. When arrival/departure traffic demand requires, touch and go traffic may be asked to depart the pattern or make a full stop.

When departure demand dictates, aircraft in the Runway 24 touch and go pattern may be instructed to turn base inside of Costco, remain at pattern altitude and go around over the runway.

Helicopter traffic utilizing the Golf Course arrival/departure procedure will be clear of the Cartee Airspace as long as the pilot flies over or south of Debarr Road.



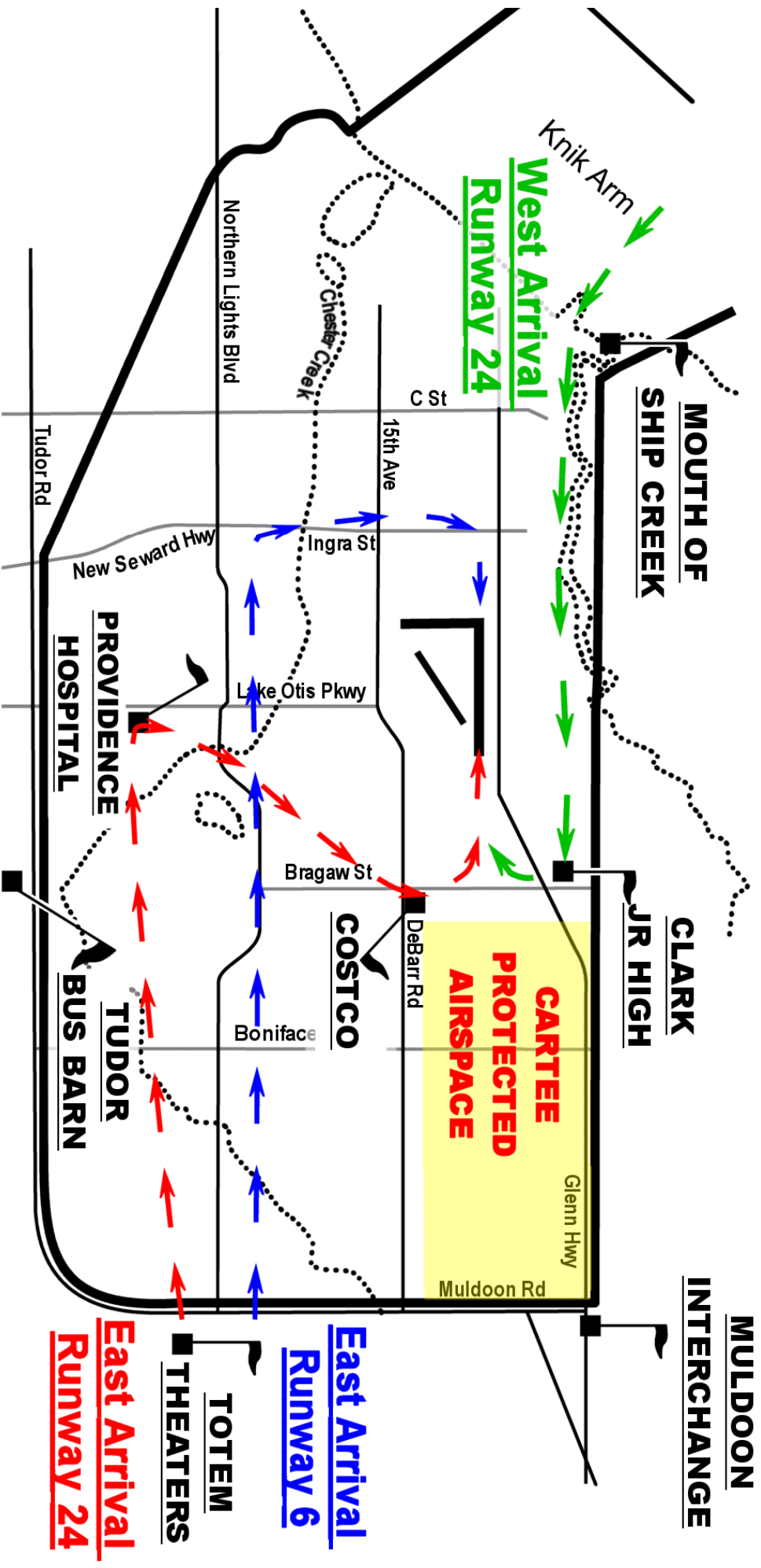
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